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Subject: Good Media Coverage of Methane, Energy Bill and the ACP



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Here are three good stories published in the last couple of weeks.

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Debate rages as Atlantic Coast Pipeline nears construction

Sam Killenberg, *News & Observer*, July 21, 2017

The controversial Atlantic Coast Pipeline, which originates in West Virginia and would run through eight N.C. counties, crosses the land of about 2,900 people – 1,000 in North Carolina. The DEQ is deciding whether to issue the pipeline a permit – one of the final steps in the long approval process of the hotly contested pipeline.

But opponents of the pipeline say the environmental consequences are too severe and the project rationale too thin for the DEQ to approve the permit.

Questions persist about the justification for the project. Jim Warren, executive director of environmental group NC WARN, said ... “It’s just crazy as hell for our society to be going along with this incredible expansion of fracked gas,” he said.

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We knew that other advocacy groups opposed the wind power moratorium added to HB589 by state Sen. Harry Brown (a beneficiary of Koch Industries campaign donations). But we were pleased to read in this article that others also agree on the potentially disastrous effect that new net metering restrictions could have on the solar industry.

Energy bill could see North Carolina join national fight over net metering

Elizabeth Ouzts, *Southeast Energy News*, July 17, 2017

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Highlighting a set of rules that promote rooftop solar, last week the activist group NC WARN became one of the few in North Carolina to urge a veto of a controversial energy bill that cleared the state legislature minutes before a month-long adjournment.

In a [letter to Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper](#), the nonprofit condemned the finely-tuned compromise between Duke Energy and the renewables industry, which would more than double the state's solar capacity, but – after a last-minute amendment by state senators – block new wind farms for 18 months.

NC WARN's sharpest criticism wasn't directed at the wind provision, however. The outspoken Duke foe honed on twelve lines about net metering – part of the bill since its unveiling.

"The bill would allow Duke Energy to attack rooftop solar by adding more fees on customers and lowering net metering payments," wrote the group's director, Jim Warren.

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NC WARN is appreciative of the The Greensboro Times for distinguishing itself by telling the public about the link between fracking and the global heat wave.

Global heat wave continues in 2017; methane from fracking is major cause

The Greensboro Times, June 2017

The global heating record that jumped in 2014 and worsened in each of the next two years has continued through April of 2017, to the surprise of climate scientists.

Last month was the second hottest April on record for global average temperature, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

So far, 2017 is only slightly behind 2016 as all-time hottest year worldwide. This is a surprise because the end of a large El Nino event in mid-2016 was expected to relax the global heat wave a little. Scientists say El Nino actually contributed only a modest amount to overall warming.

Global average temperatures from 2014 through April 2017 are much higher than any previous year.

Top climatologist James Hansen documents that the global greenhouse gas problem has increased 20 percent in the past decade "mainly due to the resurging growth of atmospheric methane."

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Now in its 29th year, NC WARN's mission urgency is to induce Charlotte-based Duke Energy – one of the world's largest corporate utilities – to make a strong shift to clean, affordable energy in order to stem pollution's damage to communities, and to help avert climate tipping points and ongoing rate hikes.

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